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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment dated November 1, 2002, a clean copy of claims 1-12, which were amended on April 9, 2001 by a Preliminary Amendment, is provided below in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i). A minor additional revision to claim 9 is also made herein.

Clean Copy of Amended Claims 1-12

- 1 1. (Amended) A device for use as a readily portable device for
- 2 intermittent compression of human extremities for assisting the return of body fluid
- in the direction of the heart, said device comprising a cuff to be applied to an 3
- extremity and a miniature pressure generator for intermittent pressurization of the 4
- 5 cuff, wherein said cuff has, in the direction of return, a width of at most 25 cm and
- is configured as a single-chamber system. 6
- 2. (Amended) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said 1
- cuff corresponds to a cuff as used for blood pressure measurements. 2
- 3. (Amended) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said 1
- pressure generator is a roller pump. 2